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## MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

*New Delhi, the 22nd March, 1956.*

**S.R.O. 669.**—The following proclamation by the President is published for general information:

### PROCLAMATION

“WHEREAS international laws has always recognised that the sovereignty of a state extends to a belt of sea adjacent to its coast;

AND WHEREAS international practice is not uniform as regards the extent of this sea-belt commonly known as the territorial waters of the State, and consequently it is necessary to make a declaration as to the extent of the territorial waters of India;

I, Rajendra Prasad, President of India, in the Seventh Year of the Republic, do hereby proclaim that, notwithstanding any rule of law or practice to the contrary which may have been observed in the past in relation to India or any part thereof, the territorial waters of India extend into the sea to a distance of six nautical miles measured from the appropriate base line.”

RAJENDRA PRASAD,  
President.

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By order etc.,  
C. S. JHA, Jt. Secy.

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